

# The Top Six Animals Positive for Rabies in Massachusetts Since 1992

For  
Parents  
And  
Teachers

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## Over 2200 raccoons.

Stay away from wild animals!  
Wild animals with rabies can appear tame or act aggressive.

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## Over 1200 skunks.

Rabies can affect all ages, even baby animals.  
It is against the law to adopt wild animals.

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## Over 275 bats.

Bats may have rabies. Do not release bats found in homes until potential exposures are carefully evaluated. Call the MDPH Division of Epidemiology and Immunization at 617/983-6800.

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## Over 110 cats.

Stay away from stray cats and dogs!  
Vaccinate your pets to protect them.

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## Over 100 foxes.

Call your local animal control officer if you see a wild animal acting strangely.

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## Over 75 woodchucks.

Seek medical attention if you or a family member are bitten or scratched by an animal.